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Further use by Intelligence Group of the "Third Agency Rule" as pretext for denying information to CIA.

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1. In accordance with a request received from Dr. Machle on behalf of his scientific intelligence people, [redacted] of the CIA Library recently telephoned to Dr. Arthur Turner in the Office of the Surgeon General to ask that CIA be placed on the distribution list for the Weekly Accession List published by the Medical Intelligence Branch, Preventive Medicine Division, Office of the Surgeon General.

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2. Dr. Turner, who in the past has always been very cooperative with CIA, informed [redacted] that the Third Agency Rule prevented him from giving the list to CIA, and that any further conversation on the subject would have to be with Colonel Van Wyk of the Intelligence Group, ID, GSUSA.

3. It seems a fair inference that the Intelligence Group has again broadcast instructions throughout the Army that nothing is to be given to CIA without their specific approval in each case, and that the Intelligence Group intends to withhold such approval in every instance when the old pretext of the Third Agency Rule can be invoked again.

4. I shall take no action on this situation pending instructions from you.

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